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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM

To: L - Mr. Mark B. Feldman

From: L/C - Thomas T. F. Huang TTFH

Subject: Draft Telegram to Tel Aviv Concerning the USS LIBERTY Claim

With reference to the draft telegram to Tel Aviv concerning negotiations on the USS LIBERTY claim, which was submitted to you on June 9, please insert the following additional paragraph:

"In making arrangements and responding to the Israeli Foreign Ministry note of May 25, 1978, Embassy should state in writing for the record the position of the United States Government somewhat as follows:

'The claim of the Government of the United States for the damage to and loss of the USS LIBERTY is in the amount $7.6 million, plus interest, in accordance with international law. The Government of the United States, too, is prepared to negotiate with the Israeli negotiating team at the earliest mutually agreeable date for the settlement of this long-standing claim without prejudice to the legal positions of the respective governments.'"

Mr. Anderson of the Israeli desk has called several times and is most anxious to get this telegram out as soon as possible.

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